

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1798  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Higher Education;  
1-4 April 14, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 5,  
1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 2009, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to certifying the eligibility of certain educational aides  
1-9 to receive an exemption from tuition and fees charged by public  
1-10 institutions of higher education.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Subsection (d), Section 54.214, Education Code,  
1-13 is amended to read as follows:

1-14 (d) The institution of higher education at which a person  
1-15 seeking an exemption under this section is enrolled [~~coordinating~~  
1-16 ~~board~~] must certify the [~~a~~] person's eligibility to receive the  
1-17 [~~an~~] exemption [~~under this section~~]. As soon as practicable after  
1-18 receiving an application for certification, the institution  
1-19 [~~coordinating board~~] shall make the determination of eligibility  
1-20 and give notice of its determination to the applicant[, ~~the~~  
1-21 ~~institution of higher education at which the applicant is~~  
1-22 ~~enrolled,~~] and to the school district employing the applicant  
1-23 [~~person~~] as an educational aide.

1-24 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
1-25 54.214, Education Code, applies to an exemption from tuition and  
1-26 fees granted under that section beginning with the 2009 fall  
1-27 semester.

1-28 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
1-29 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
1-30 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
1-31 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
1-32 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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